

TO CULTIVATE KINDNESS IS A VALUABLE PART OF THE BUSINESS OF LIFE.—Ben Johnson.

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Car Crashes in Maine Kill 16 During November

Sixteen people died in Maine car crashes during the month of November. Eleven were killed in the same month last year.

Listed among the dead were nine drivers, four passengers and three pedestrians. The average age of the nine drivers was 25 years. Three were in their teens, three in their twenties, and three in their thirties. Fourteen of the fatalities came as a result of crashes after dark; two died in daylight accidents.

Here is a table comparing this year's accident picture with that of last year:

	1953	1954	Chg.
Total persons killed	156	120	-26
Total fatal accidents	140	117	-23
Total persons killed	47	27	-20
Personal inj. accid.	1483	1550	+67
Persons injured	2257	2388	+131
Prop. damage accid.	3274	3488	+214

We are now well into one of the most dangerous times of the year from the traffic standpoint—the month of December. Let's look at some of the factors which combine to make this a deadly traffic month.

The confusion which accompanies preparation for Christmas is definitely a factor. This confusion is created by many things—shopping, mailing, parties, holiday crowds, window displays, last minute preparations for holiday guests, etc. Then, too, holiday celebrations tend to increase the amount of drinking by both drivers and pedestrians. Obviously, this is an important factor in the traffic picture.

Speed too fast for conditions also enters into the picture. The rush of holiday preparations is likely to be reflected in hurrying. Hurry on the road is always a serious mistake, and, at this time of year, it is especially hazardous because of adverse weather and road conditions and reduced visibility.

Remember these holiday hazards when you drive and especially when you walk. Have a happy, safe Christmas.

MRS. SELMA J. SANBORN

Mrs. Selma J. Sanborn of Weld died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Couffineau, in Weld.

Born at Temple, Dec. 5, 1863, the daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah Haines, she attended Avon and Temple schools and taught school prior to her marriage to Charles T. Sanborn in 1885.

Mrs. Sanborn was a member of Weld Congregational Church and the Maine Three-Quarter Century Club.

She is survived by a son, Oscar H. Weld; four daughters, Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Upton; Mrs. Couffineau; Mrs. Mabel Andrews, Weld; and Mrs. Lester Murphy, Rumford; 21 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 20, at the Weld Congregational Church. Rev. Peter Gowling officiated. Entombment at Evergreen Cemetery.

The Legion and Auxiliary held their Christmas party for members and children Sunday afternoon at the Legion Home with about 30 children present with their families. Santa Claus was there and distributed gifts to all; also refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and cocoa were served.

The Week in Oxford County

Thirty-five employees of Snowcraft Co., Norway, laid off five months ago, have been recalled to their jobs producing toboggans and snowshoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crouse of North Waterford were surprised with a party in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary at the fire station on Sunday afternoon. They were married, Dec. 20, 1904, at North Chatham, N. H.

Driving snow and gales were the order throughout Oxford County Tuesday. Temperatures hovered in the near 20's. Roads were kept clear by town crews. Norway reported over eight inches of snow and three foot drifts.

Robert T. Smith of South Paris, former Oxford County attorney, was nominated Oxford Judge of Probate by Gov. Burton M. Cross. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hammond, Whitman Street, Mexico, ob-

COMMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

As we are very close to Dec. 31 and the closing of the Municipal year we are anxious to pay all approved bills that we can. We will also appreciate all reasonable efforts in the payment of any unpaid taxes. Up to date the payments have been very good. I think, if anyone is unable to come to the office before we close in the afternoon usually between four thirty and five o'clock, please call 66 or 69-3 and we will be glad to make an appointment to suit your convenience any evening during the week of Dec. 27 and Jan. 1. A very Merry Christmas.

O. T. Rozelle

ARTHUR C. PARKER

Arthur C. Parker of Crystal, N. H., died Saturday morning at the St. Louis Hospital, where he had been a patient two weeks. He had been a resident of Crystal for 36 years and was superintendent of woods operations for Paris Manufacturing Company of South Paris, Maine.

Born May 1, 1887, in Gilstead, he was the son of Curiala and Angie Farrar Parker. He was educated in schools of Grafton, Maine, and graduated from Gray's Business College in Portland. He attended the West Milan Methodist Church and was a member of the Bethel, Maine, Lodge of Masons.

He leaves his widow, the former Ethel Brown, Crystal; two daughters, Mrs. Harold Mitchell, South Paris; Mrs. John Newbegin, Champlain, N. Y.; two brothers, Elmer C. Parker, North Livermore; Ray G. Parker, South Weymouth, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Clyde Brooks, Bethel; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Parker and Holmes funeral home, Berlin. Burial will be in the Norway Pine Grove Cemetery.

MRS. GERTRUDE P. STONE

Mrs. Gertrude P. Stone, of West Paris, died Wednesday evening at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, where she had been a patient two days.

Born July 9, 1903, at Sumner, daughter of Clarence J. and Mary French Perham, she married Henry S. Stone, Dec. 29, 1931. A graduate of Woodstock High School in 1922 and Gorham State Teachers College in 1925, Mrs. Stone taught in the West Paris Junior High School, a member of Onward Reformed Lodge and the West Paris Universalist Church.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Franklin and Eugene, students at the U. of M., and her mother.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the West Paris Universalist Church, Rev. Earl Dolphin officiating.

TWO CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Mrs. Theodore Emery's piano students entertained at Christmas parties on Sunday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Mrs. Emery's home with parents and friends as guests. Selections were played by each student and carols were sung. Refreshments were served. Students present on Dec. 12 were: Linda Paine, Cheryl Grenier, Carol Flint, Julia Brown, Linda Brown, Martha Keniston, Norma Jean Moore, Judy Myers and Jane Luxton. Students present on Dec. 19 were: Lorenda Freeman, Claire Boers, Ellen Lord, Ruth Stevens, Jane Greer, Mary Jane Brown, Beth Ann Brown, Ruth Wilford, Mary Willard, Sharon York, Barbara Angevine, and Margaret Noyes.

It was announced that Deputy Sheriff Albert Gallant, Rumford, will retire January 1, after serving with the Sheriff's Department 18 years.

Edward Mukonen, 21, of West Paris suffered a stab wound in his right thigh Wednesday night. Wilfred Curtis of Monmouth was charged with the assault by deputies who alleged the argument which led to the attack took place in a Norway restaurant.

David Ferris, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferris of Canton, was struck in the left eye by a pitchfork Tuesday. He is a patient at the CMG Hospital.

Greetings

We extend sincere Christmas good wishes to all, especially our readers, contributors and advertisers, whose cooperation during the year is appreciated. —The Citizen

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

(For The Children)

The little squirrel heard the sound, And paused beneath the tree. And in the house the baby smiled The fast asleep was he.

The sick man raised his head and said, "My pain has gone away." And on a lonely hilltop, A poor man knelt to pray.

A little boy looked up in awe, And saw the sky, alight. And, in the village, loud and clear, They rang out, sweet and bright.

The star shone down, its brilliance fair Encompassed all the earth. As Christmas bells sang out with joy The news of Jesus' birth.

—Muriel Faudt

Students spending the holidays at their homes here include: Richard Emery, Pratt Institute Art School, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Willard, Clarkson University; Nancy Willard, Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.; Nancy Carver, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.; Mary Anne Myers, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.; Joan Bennett, Laselle Junior College, Auburndale, Mass.; Joan Conner, Colby Junior College, New London, N. H.; Sheila Mary, Nassau College, Springdale, N. Y.; Paul Fossell, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Carlton Brown, Morrisville Agri. & Tech. Institute at Morrisville, N. Y.; Marie Mills, Bates College, Lewiston; Payllis Chabourne, Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Mass.; Ted Chabourne, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.; Janice Lord, University of Maine, Orono; Sally Brown and Christine Willard, Gorham State Teachers College, Gorham; Richard Onofrio, Boston University; Beverly Onofrio, School of Practical Arts, Boston; Lillian Guernsey, Simmons College, Boston; Donna Anderson, Vermont Junior College; David Foster and Robert Blake, Boston Radio and Telegraph School; Susan Kneeland, Northeast State Teachers College, Kirksville, Mo.; Laura Wilson, University of Maine.

WARWANT

To Charles J. Freeman, Clerk of the Bethel Village Corporation, County of Oxford, State of Maine: GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Corporation, in Bethel, qualified to vote on Corporation affairs, to meet at the Corporation's Community Room in District No. 15 on the thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Corporation will vote to dissolve and surrender its charter.

Article 3. To see if the Corporation will vote to assign its assets and liabilities to the Bethel Village Corporation.

Article 4. To see if the Corporation will vote to pay to the Oxford Bank and Trust Company the balance due them on notes executed by the Corporation pursuant to the vote of the Corporation under Article 23 of the Annual Corporation Meeting held on March 9, 1953 and to rescind the vote taken under that article so far as it obligates the Corporation to expend said money, said payment to include principal and interest on all notes held by said Bank whether or not actually due.

Article 5. To see if the Corporation will vote to install a street light on the pole about opposite the driveway of Nina H. Upson on Broad Street.

Hereof, fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1954 at Bethel, Maine.

Samuel L. Smith
1st Assessor
Ernest A. Munde
Thomas I. Brown

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Miss Nina Hale is the guest of her parents in Millinocket.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott are at Damariscotta spending the holidays with relatives.

Theodore Young is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Richardson are spending the holidays with relatives in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowhay are spending their vacation with relatives in Yonkers, N. Y.

Stuart Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cross, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

Frank Flint, Oberlin College, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Henry Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fortier and Joan Fortier of Portland were visiting in town on Sunday.

Miss Mary Whitney and Miss Verna Swift are visiting Miss Whitney's parents at Farmington.

Mrs. Vera Waterhouse will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bulmer in Westbrook.

Phillip Faudt will arrive from New York on Thursday to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clunie are spending their Christmas vacation at their home in Damariscotta.

Mrs. H. P. Austin will leave Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Austin, Houlton, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Charlton of Kingston, N. H., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown.

Mrs. Estelle Goggin is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Steitz and family in Allentown, Pa.

The Ladies Club will serve a baked bean supper at 6:30 p. m. on Jan. 8, at the Congregational dining room.

Mrs. Emily Clement of Rumford is spending the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Saunders.

Mrs. Eva Keniston of West Paris spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston and family.

Mrs. Clarence Emery, Sr., of Lamoine has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Emery to spend several weeks.

Mrs. Naomi Varner and Miss Helen Varner will spend the week end at Livermore Falls visiting Mr. and Mrs. Beckler.

Mrs. Marie Swan and son, Frank, are spending a few days in Millford, Conn., with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sclaraffa.

The Bazaar Committee met on Wednesday evening at the Legion Home to assemble Community Christmas baskets.

Sam T. Smith, Deputy District Governor of Lions International, returned Saturday after two weeks of more or less continuous official visits to the Lions Club in Western Maine. This district is known in London, as 41-L and is made up of 23 clubs extending from Brunswick to Kittery on the coast.

Wales Club on the Eastern border Holiday week and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paine and Mrs. Ruth Dorion will be Mrs. Katharine Adams and daughter, Marilyn, of Thompsonville, Conn.; Roger Adams, Boston University; Herbert Adams, University of New Hampshire; Miss Sarah Dorion, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hall and daughter, Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Morrill, daughters, Brenda Jo and Wanda, Freeport; and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jones, Brunswick.

SANTA CLAUS HERE

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Word has been received from Santa Claus that he will be in Bethel on Friday, Dec. 24. He will arrive by train from the North Pole with presents for all boys and girls up to the age of eight. Santa would like to have the boys and girls meet him at the station about 3:40. Presents will be given out at the tree near the Common.

BETHEL EXTENSION ASSN. MEETS

The Bethel Extension Association Day Group met at the home of Mrs. Josephine Tripp recently.

The following program was planned for the year.

January 19: "Oven Meals," Mrs. Blanche Bennett and Mrs. Grace Buck.

Feb. 16: "Care of Curtains and Draperies," Mrs. Ethel Sanborn and Mrs. Nellie Hodsdon.

March 4: "Know Your Food Supply," H. D. A.

April 20: "Pocket Books," an outside leader.

May 5: "Behind the Seams," H. D. A.

June 15: "Altering Ready Made Dresses," Mrs. Josephine Tripp and Mrs. Iola Forbes.

July 20: "Picnic," Cookie Mixes," and a program.

Sept. 21: "Care of Floors and Coverings," Mrs. Ethel Sanborn and Mrs. Nellie Hodsdon.

Oct. 5: "Windows Make The Room," H. D. A.

Oct. 19: "Know Your Neighbor," Mrs. Carrie French, Mrs. Edna Smith and Mrs. Grace Buck.

Nov. 16: "Grooming for You," "Election of Officers," and "Xmas Suggestions."

Dec. 15: "Planning Meeting and Xmas Tree."

The Community Project Committee appointed are Mrs. Blanche Bennett, Mrs. Josephine Tripp, Mrs. Ruth Stearns. The project is to be decided on later. It was voted to have square meals. The dinner and clean-up committee were appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crockett and son Bobbie of Augusta were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodcock and family of Providence, R. I., will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Turner of Attleboro, Mass., and Mrs. Edward J. Hinckley of Bluehill will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gibbs today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller of Brownville Junction will arrive today to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders and family.

Mrs. Ethel Silver and Mrs. Minnie Grenier of Portland will be week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Grenier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Emery, Dick Emory and Mrs. Clarence Emery, Sr., spent Wednesday in Farmington visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ted Emery, Jr.

Members of Sunset Rehearsal Lodge held their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows' Hall. A pot-luck supper was served at 6:30 and a tree with exchange of gifts was enjoyed.

Miss Isabelle Bennett arrived home on Monday from Ithaca, N. Y., to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Henry Bennett. Miss Alice Bennett will arrive on Thursday from Nashua, N. H.

16 County 4-Hers To Attend State Contest at Orono

Sixteen Oxford County 4-Hers will attend State Contest at the University of Maine, Orono, December 28 to 30. Transportation is being provided for these 4-Hers from South Paris to Orono by the Blue Line Bus. Sponsors for this transportation are the following: Sagadahoc Fertilizers, Bowdoinham; Oxford Pickle Company, South Paris; Stearns Packing Company, Auburn; Advertiser-Democrat, Norway; South Paris Farmers' Union and Norway Farmers Union.

Delegates attending are as follows: Wilder Abbott, Rumford Center; David Robinson, South Paris; Duane Thurston, Norway; Clifford Conant, Canton; Charles Howard, Rumford; Robert Combs, Bethel; Carroll Payne, Denmark; Harold Knightly, South Paris; Gay Kimball, Rumford Center; Janice Decato, South Paris; Lola Largey, Denmark; Elaine Cushman, Woodstock; Elaine Perry, Buckfield; Nancy Champ, Rumford Center; Rose House, Rumford Center; Ann Jackson, Welchville; Ruth Wadsworth, Hiram; Richard Hammond, East Paris; Norris Conant, Canton. The following leaders are also attending: Mrs. Ada Cyr, East Waterford; Mrs. Kathleen Casey, Buckfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. Carleton Conant, Canton; Mrs. Grace Kimball, Rumford Center; Mrs. Evelyn Kimball, Rumford Center; Mrs. George Smith, West Baldwin; Mrs. Evelyn Kelley, East Hiram; Mrs. Ross Robinson, South Paris.

Sgt. Joseph Page of Watertown, N. Y., is spending the holiday with Mrs. Page and son Gary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert LeClair and daughter, Judith, New Britain, Conn., will spend the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ray York and Mr. and Mrs. Syl LeClair.

Norman Lowell of Camp Hall, Colo., arrived home Sunday to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chayer, Cynthia, Cheryl and Lindy of Norfolk, Va., are also guests for the holiday.

A Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown will include Mrs. Julia Brown, Mrs. Beatrice Brown, Mrs. Henry Filtr, Carol Flint, Frank Flint, Mrs. Fred Edwards, Cecil Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, Julia, and Vivian Brown.

Phillip Faudt celebrated his 11th birthday Tuesday with a supper party at his home, Paradise Road. Decorations were red and green, 11 keeping with the Christmas season.

Guests were: Peter Davis, Traflet Foster, Dicky and Diana Bennett, Timothy Brooks, Bonita Eames, Cheryl Douglas, Dicky Angevine, Christen Angevine and Stephanie Faudt.

Good Christmas Trees FOR SALE

EARL GRAVES
FLAT ROAD, WEST BETHEL
Tel. 22-14

Annual Christmas Dance

Given by The
Good Alumni Assoc.
WED., DEC. 29th

William Bingham Gym
DUTCH SUPPER, 6:30
Marion True Helping Students' Home

Combination Supper and Dance Ticket, \$1.50
LORD'S ORCHESTRA

NOTICE

Dr. Boynton's office will be closed Dec. 29 thru Jan. 2.

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GOOD MUSIC

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(Under New Management Oscar and Barbara Sweetser)

Enjoy a meal or lunch where coffee is 5c a cup with meal or a sandwich.

Workingman's Special
(6 Days a Week, 95c, includes coffee and dessert)

Cheeseburgers	30c	Hamburgers	25c
Pies	15c	Hot Dogs	15c

EDITORIAL

Christmas Thoughts

All too often the true spirit of the Christmas season is nearly lost in the maze of complications which modern practices has added to earlier observance of the happy event. Although this opinion is not admitted by most of us, it seems to be a fact that many feel that way at this time.

However, the inherent simplicity and sincerity of the celebration of the birth of Christ has a definite happy effect upon the lives of us all. Encouraged and uplifted by the Christmas message, the whole world is really improved by momentary acknowledgment of the Christian spirit, even though great numbers of its population are now dominated by ideals which are contrary to its teachings.

We should be mindful at this time of the great progress apparently achieved in recent years, and still under way, in the cooperation of great nations toward goals symbolized in the teachings of Christ—all this in spite of old slaunderies and varied interpretations which we hope are on the way out.

Last week's Safe Driving Day apparently showed that improve-

ment can be made for a day by a safety-minded nation. With this in mind may we wonder what the result might be if the true Christmas spirit which gives comfort to the world this week were to continue the whole year.

Let us quote an unknown author: "The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the calendar, nor out of the heart of the world."

"We ring the bells and we raise the strain,
We hang up garlands everywhere
And bid the tapers twinkle fair,
And feast and frolic—and then
We go

Back to the same old lives again."

—Susan Coolidge

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual — National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

"The expression 'landlocked states' is merely a geographic term—and definitely not an economic one."

That striking thought was expressed in a recent talk by Alexander Purdon, executive director of the Committee of American Steamship Lines, entitled "The Mid-West and the Merchant Marine." And he had a battery of facts to support it.

In all probability, relatively few of us realize the extent to which the economic health and military strength of this country are dependent on foreign trade. As Mr. Purdon pointed out, we are the world's largest exporter and importer. For many countries we are the largest supplier and the biggest market. With only 5 per cent of the world's population we produce well over 40 per cent of the world's total output of goods and services.

The livelihood of many a worker who has never seen an ocean depends on the commerce the oceans bear. Our exports amount to \$15,000,000,000 a year and provide employment for some 3,000,000 men and women of the United States. Imports amount to about \$10,000,000,000. Of this Mr. Purdon said, "Actually the effect of this trade on individual sectors is greater than the figures indicate."

To take a major example, one-third of our wheat production is shipped abroad. About a tenth of all our cropland is needed to pro-

duce our farm export volume. Since 1945, the value of agricultural exports has been equal to one-eighth of the total farm income. And, on the other side, we depend heavily on foreign sources for such things as coffee, tea, spices and sugar. "Ocean transportation," to quote Mr. Purdon again, "is the indispensable link between the U. S. farms and U. S. factories and the markets and material resources of foreign lands."

Mr. Purdon's committee is engaged in a series of economic surveys to measure the importance of the American Merchant Marine to inland states. Some have been completed, and in each case it has been found that international trade and ocean-going transportation are vital to their economies. The steel industry, for instance, is one of our principal employers. That industry depends upon ships to bring it its basic raw materials from the five continents of the globe. Automobiles, trucks and buses, which account for an enormous amount of employment—could not be manufactured without some 250 imported materials that are brought in by ship from 55 foreign countries. Moreover, as Mr. Purdon also observed, by 1975 our population will be 40,000,000 greater than now—which means that "we are going to need more energy, more transportation, more raw materials, more farm produce to maintain that vast population at our American standard of living which will doubtless also increase." In this evolution, foreign trade will play an important role. And so, inevitably, will our merchant marine.

THE AMERICAN WAY

Merry Christmas
by Willis E. Stone

EDITOR'S NOTE: Willis E. Stone is author of the "Proposed 23rd Amendment" and President of the American Progress Foundation, Los Angeles.

So we come again to Christmas. This is not merely a season of the year, but a time when the goodness of mankind becomes manifest, and the miracle of the nativity holds us enthralled.

It is 1,954 years since the Christ child came to dwell among men. He was the Prince of Peace, the Fulfillment of Prophecy, yet he was born in the poverty of the manger behind the inn at Bethlehem that He might better lead mankind along the way to freedom and tranquility.

A crown of gold was his for the taking, for there were multitudes then as there are today ready to follow a leader bent on conquest and power. But He chose a Crown of Thorns for His mission on earth was to give, and not to take.

He taught the fundamental principles of life by parable and example, but there were few to do Him honor. There were still fewer who would believe in the Divine principle of individual liberty, equality and justice which He gave the world. His life confirmed the ancient truth that we are each equal in the sight of God, and must therefore be equal in the eyes of the law, if the law is just.

To establish this concept He defied the pretenses of all who would assume despotic powers, destroying the God-given rights of the individual. That was His crime. For that He was crucified.

Every effort was made to degrade and destroy Him, yet today Christ stands as the central figure in human history. The lines of glory that were flung back long since crumbled to dust. With it has vanished the flesh and the memory of countless Caesars whose lust for power and plunder brought them only the sadistic misery of seeing humanity wrecked and enslaved.

Tyrants have continued their in-

ane conquests. They relentlessly wage their war against human liberty this very day. They do not care how they spend the blood and treasure of the people in their mad attempt to destroy His truth. But Jesus Christ will not be destroyed. He lives on, and is born anew each Christmas Day in the hearts of mankind, teaching us again that, through Him, we can find the way to Peace on earth, good will toward men.

The treachery of power politics has failed to bring peace. So has deceit, brutality and force. Perhaps by some Divine direction, the peoples of the world are at long last ready to discard their false prophets and try the Golden Rule. Should we not love our neighbor as ourselves? Is there error in the idea that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us? Is there any other way to achieve Peace on earth, good will toward men?

Do we dare put the Christmas spirit into year around operation? Or do the Caesars still possess us, asserting bogus claims of authority over the peoples of the earth, feeding their lust upon the substance they take by force from those who produce?

In America we have approached closer to the Divine way than has been possible in other lands because we, as a people, put constitutional chains upon the powers of government, making the individual supreme by law.

Thus the individual has been free to develop his own life as God ordained. In this freedom our people evolved a code of ethics without compulsion, built upon the foundation of intelligent self-interest and cooperation, possible only when all men stand equal before the law. This concept of liberty has produced an abundance the like of which was never imagined by any other people on the face of the earth.

The conquest by tyrants threatens again. The lessons of our great past and of the Divine teachings are perhaps dimmed by the confusion and emotional conflicts of our times, but there are the tools of the destroyers who would dominate the affairs of the world and

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, EVER OLD, EVER NEW



defender of all that is stagnant and old and ase zealous support of atheism. All of which indicates clearly that Soviet hostility towards religion remains as firm, ruthless and reprehensible as it was under Lenin and Stalin."

Dallas, Pa. Post: "Maybe I shouldn't bring it up; but have you got a will? I am surprised at the number of my friends and acquaintances who haven't. And while I'm becoming so personal about matters that should be your business and not mine, how long has it been since you sat down with your wife, and explained to her your insurance policies and those other formidable looking papers you have tucked away in the safe deposit box or some desk drawer?"

Hemlock, Mich., Valley Farmer: "The issue of security or freedom is not new. Almost two centuries ago Benjamin Franklin said, in effect, that those who are willing to give up freedom for security deserve neither, and usually wind up with neither."

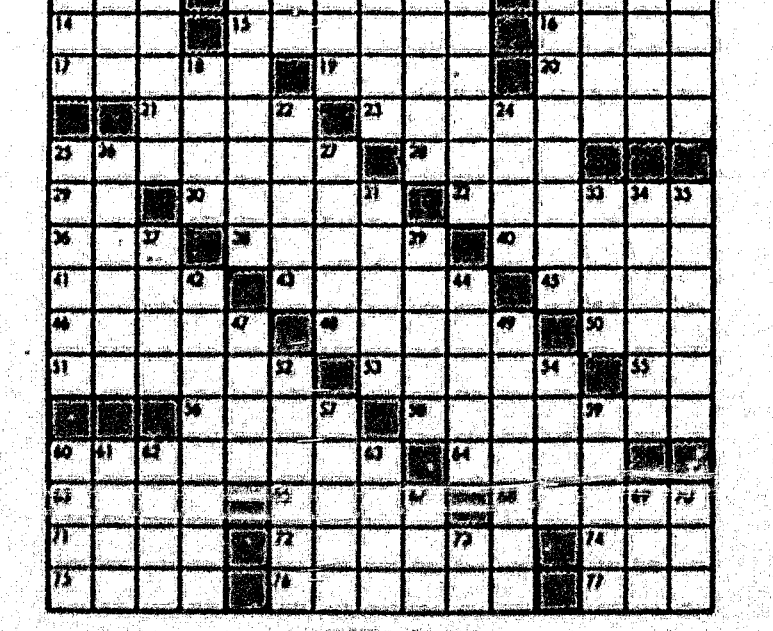
Boston, Mass., Jewish Advocate: "It appears that the Soviet Government, as part of co-existence theme, has now decided to slow down its campaign against religion. A new decree, signed by Mr. Khrushchev, the Party Secretary, orders all Soviet officials to avoid rudeness and violent language in their anti-religious propaganda. However, despite pious announcements, their real attitude toward religion continues to remain one of hostility, a point made clear in the very issue of Pravda in which the Secretary's pronouncement appeared. Other publications also continue to call religion the

set aside the principles of individual freedom. The Star gleams again in the heavens, guiding wise men to the only hope of the world. On this Christmas morning Christ is born again in the hearts of men, reviving the Divine ideals by which, we pray, mankind may again discover the brotherhood of man and a way of life in which we may truly find Peace on earth, good will toward men.

Even the Old Timers (who complain that the new generation has "commercialized" Christmas) shake out the old sock and go gift shopping. People don't react this way because of the any "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em" philosophy. Not at all.

Gift giving is spurred by one motive in every heart. Subconscious or not, each individual gives to commemorate a wonderful night, many years ago, when mankind received the greatest gift of all.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 210

1 Across: 1. Peace (7)
2 Down: 1. Joy (4)
3 Across: 1. Love (5)
4 Down: 1. Faith (5)
5 Across: 1. Hope (5)
6 Down: 1. Charity (6)
7 Across: 1. Kindness (7)
8 Down: 1. Gentleness (8)
9 Across: 1. Patience (8)
10 Down: 1. Self-control (9)
11 Across: 1. Goodwill (9)
12 Down: 1. Peace (7)
13 Across: 1. Joy (4)
14 Down: 1. Faith (5)
15 Across: 1. Love (5)
16 Down: 1. Charity (6)
17 Across: 1. Kindness (7)
18 Down: 1. Gentleness (8)
19 Across: 1. Patience (8)
20 Down: 1. Self-control (9)
21 Across: 1. Goodwill (9)
22 Down: 1. Peace (7)
23 Across: 1. Joy (4)
24 Down: 1. Faith (5)
25 Across: 1. Love (5)
26 Down: 1. Charity (6)
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DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

WHEN PAUL M. TUCKER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y., says that when he went to Cuba eight years ago to work, he was scared silly. He uses the word silly advisedly because the things that he was afraid of were just plain silly. For instance, he was scared of the language barrier; he was scared of his job. What if he should get stuck out in the country and couldn't tell people who he was, where he was going. What if he had an emergency in his home? He couldn't call a doctor or the police. What if he couldn't do his job satisfactorily. What if he made a mistake that cost the company thousands of dollars. What if... what if... what if... He was what-ling himself all over the place, working himself into a fine frenzy.

What cured him? A little dog. One day he was coming home from work and saw a little girl playing with her dog. She was jabbering away in Spanish a mile a minute. The dog was wagging his tail having a big time. He was such a friendly dog that Paul reached down to pet him—and the pup licked his hand. When he stood up, he said to himself, "Why you jugged! Here's a dog that understands Spanish and having a wonderful time. Do you mean to say that that dog is smarter than you? If he can learn the language, you certainly can."

So he started taking lessons and learning the language as the dog learned it—one word at a time. He never became proficient in Spanish but he quickly learned enough to forget his fears. And with that, all his other fears disappeared at the same time.



ECONOMISTS in and out of government are casting a wary eye at clouds, no bigger than your hand, which may or may not materialize into thunder squalls on the country's economic horizon. These economists, it is true, barely whisper a note of caution.

It's so much easier to go along with the crowd on the clouds of pure-spun optimism now emanating from Washington and New York over since the speech made by President Eisenhower several weeks ago on the national economic outlook and that \$500 billion gross national product in the next ten years.

It is true that the president's projection of about four per cent per year is not out of line much with past growth, about three per cent per year over the past twenty-five years. But this growth which the nation has experienced did not just happen. Government must do something more than provide a favorable climate for this steady growth to come into being. Actually what happened over the past twenty-five years, call it New Deal, Fair Deal or socialism, was simply a social and economic revolution which came about as a result of economic stiffness and frumpiness and after a period which gave every surface indication of stabilized prosperity.

Many economists are declaring nothing like 1929 can happen today... we have too many "built-in safeguards." Fact is that laxity in policing the safeguards can be as bad as no safeguards at all... or can be worse. There is already talk here in Washington of investigation of the operation of the Securities and Exchange Commission for looking the other way in its policing of stocks and the stock exchange.

INSURANCE COMPANIES SAY SPEED AND LIQUOR CAUSE MOST HIGHWAY DEATHS

High speed and alcohol, perennial killers of American motorists and pedestrians, once again will head the list of causes of highway fatalities during this Christmas weekend, when at least 200 persons will die in crashes caused by those two factors alone.

According to a prediction released today by the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, the probable death toll from accident involving high speed or speed too fast for conditions will amount to 124 victims. Alcohol, taken too freely by both drivers and pedestrians, is expected to account for another 81 victims.

Before the end of the weekend, which starts officially at 6 p. m. December 23 and ends at midnight December 24, there also will be 37 deaths in accidents caused by failure to keep to the right of a centerline, 26 more for failure to yield the right of way and another 23 in crashes caused by over-fatigued drivers or drivers actually asleep at the wheel.

In releasing the prediction, Thomas N. Boate, manager of the Association's accident prevention department, pointed to overzealous holiday celebrants as principal offenders in the accident picture.

"This year, as every year," Mr. Boate said, "the party-goer who just doesn't know when to quit will substitute grief for Christmas joy."

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

If I was to climb in and say may who it is that is benefited most via anti-trust lawsuits, it would be the lawyer gentry. It takes a flock of 'em to work up a good long-winded case like this one in Chicago that wound up in the ash can. The Gov. lawyers were trying to prove that ownership of stock in General Motors and U. S. Rubber by the duPont family was bad and a menace and various other obnoxious things. The Judge said it was not so.

Anybody who is thrifty and manages to buy a few shares of stock, should not be limited as to how thrifty he might choose to be. Nobody would get hurt if only one person owned all of U. S. Rubber. Competition by the other big tire outfits is plenty to keep any one company in its place. A flock of lawyers is expensive for the taxpayer—more of a menace than any rubber company. Tires were never better or more reasonable in price.

Since the Pilgrims came over in 1620 we have endorsed thrift. And furthermore, a thrifty household, with a nest egg down at the bank, is a major keystone of the nation. Discouraging thrift like in the Chicago attempt would have been a blot on the Pilgrims' escutcheon. Now if they will just bring gold coin back—I am still hopeful, may be lukewarm, but hopeful—I long to hear that old golden clink.

Yours with the low down,
JO SENRA

—Mrs. Edith O. A.

The Planning Woodstock Extension was held at the Mills Friday afternoon. Christmas tree given by Chairman way. She appointed committees: Council Cleo Billings, c. Your Neighbor—Comm. Chairman. Comm. Leader—Mrs. Eva 2. ing meetings were 27, Oven Meals 3. eries, March 24, R. Supply, April, Dec. May 28, Behind t and July, left oper of Floors and 3. Sept. 22, Good Gro Oct. 14, Windows 2. Nov. 15, Quick Co. Christmas Suggesti ning Meeting. Gift ed from a tree at served. Mrs. Lakew. to Florida in Janu member a gift, fro

A surprise stor en for Mrs. Roy home of Mrs. Evel nesday night. She ernal gifts from the including money f as well as person present were Mrs mings, Mrs Esther Hibbard, Mrs Be Mrs Martha War Dudley, Mrs Franc Annie Bryant, the honor guest. Delici were served.

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The daughters of Francis Mills: Eva fine, Frances, Jean accompanied their gra O'Leary to her hom Platts, Mass., Sund over Christmas. The Mills, goes there Th Holidays.

Universalist Chur day Worship Servic Rev Gordon Newell, School at 10:45 A. Management meeti of Mr and Mrs Leall day night, Dec. 25.

SUNDAY RIV

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Mrs. Mary Kend Bacon, Mrs. Berth Olive Williams and attended the Extens Mrs. Helen Morton's day.

BRYANT POND

— Mrs. Edith C. Abbott, Corres. —

The Planning Meeting of the Woodstock Extension Association was held at the home of Mrs. Eva Mills Friday afternoon. Ideas for Christmas tree decorations were given by Chairman Sadie Lakeway. She appointed the following committees: County Fair — Mrs. Cleo Billings, chairman. Know Your Neighbor — Mrs. Edith Abbott, chairman. Community Project Leader — Mrs. Eva Mills. The following meetings were planned: Jan. 27, Oven Meals. Feb. 24, Selection and Care of Curtains and Draperies. March 24, Know Your Food Supply. April, Decorative Stitches. May 26, Behind the Seams. June and July, left open. Aug. 25, Care of Floors and Floor Coverings. Sept. 22, Good Grooming for You. Oct. 14, Windows Make the Room. Nov. 15, Quick Cookie Mixes and Christmas Suggestions. Dec., Planning Meeting. Gifts were exchanged from a tree and refreshments served. Mrs. Lakeway, who is going to Florida in January gave each member a gift, from a grab bag.

A surprise stork shower was given for Mrs. Roy Smith, at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Bean, Wednesday night. She received several gifts from the church groups, including money from the choir, as well as personal gifts. Those present were Mrs. Fannie Cummings, Mrs. Esther Farnum, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Beatrice Farnum, Mrs. Martha Warner, Mrs. Alice Dudley, Mrs. Frances Farnum, Mrs. Anne Bryant, the hostess and the honor guest. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Star Birthday Club met at the Town Hall Friday night and made Christmas boxes for shut-ins. The Altruistic Committee, Mrs. Barbara Hathaway and Mrs. Edith Abbott had charge of the meeting. The mystery package was received by Mrs. Kaye McAllister. A tasting party was enjoyed after the meeting. The January committee is Mrs. Mrs. Elsie Bryant, Mrs. Florence Bean, Mrs. Jean Mills, and Mrs. Hazel Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes, in company with Elmer Hayes and son, Glenn, Greenwood, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Blockford, Providence, R. I. Claude Cushman and daughter, Geraldine, went to Wethersfield, Conn., Saturday for a few days visit with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Scherf and family.

Dana Dudley, 2nd, is spending the Christmas vacation from Fryeburg Academy, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley.

Mrs. Elsie Cole went to Auburn Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother, Robert Cushman, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Lealle Bryant will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cushman at Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner, Sr., are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Doten Warner and Joel; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner, Jr., Seth and John; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Warner, Essex Junction, Vt., over Christmas.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley and family will be Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole and Mrs. Maryann Knights.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tyler are entertaining her father, Roy Lord, Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Onal Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Langway on Christmas Day.

Pic. James Tyler came Sunday night for a two week's furlough from Camp Hale, Colo., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tyler.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mills: Eva Mae, Katherine, Frances, Jean and Joan, accompanied their grandmother, Mrs. O'Leary to her home at Jamaica Plain, Mass., Sunday, for a visit over Christmas. Their mother, Mrs. Mills, goes there Thursday for the holidays.

Universal Church news: Sunday Worship Service, at 9:30 a. m., Rev. Gordon Newell, pastor. Church School at 10:45 a. m. Board of Management meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Abbott, Tuesday night, Dec. 28, at 7:30.

SUNDAY RIVER

— Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres. —

Mrs. Mary Kendall, Mrs. Lillian Bacon, Mrs. Bertha Bean, Mrs. Olive Williams and Mrs. Julia Fleet attended the Extension meeting at Mrs. Helen Morton's last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Jackson was moved to the home of her son and family, the Clifton Jacksons, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Yates were in South Paris, Monday.

Mrs. Bertha Bean visited Mrs. Sadie Brooks, recently.

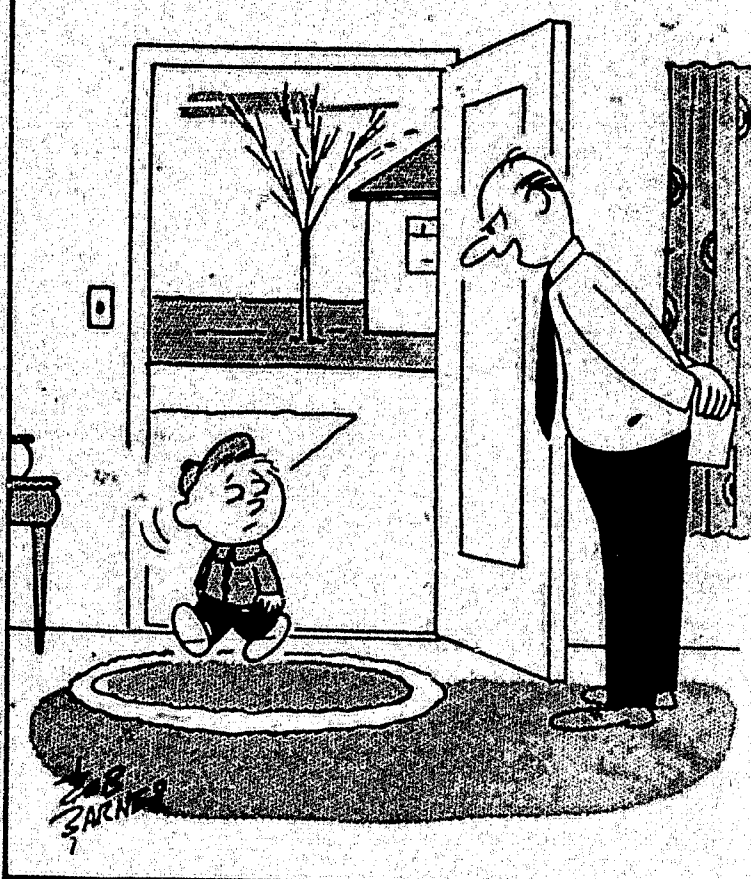
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fleet and son, David, attended Mt. Abram Fish and Game meeting Thursday.

Mrs. R. M. Fleet and son, David Fleet, with Mrs. Dot O'Leary of Bethel were in Norway shopping Thursday. They also called on the Ralph Fields Sr. on Paris Hill.

Saunders' truck hauled Gene Thurlow a load of clippings Tuesday.

David Fleet went to Portland Friday evening. Enroute he called

LAFF OF THE WEEK



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WEST BETHEL

— Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Corres. —

Christmas News

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolfe will entertain at a family party on Christmas Eve. Those attending will be: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bartlett, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, Locke Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett, Mrs. Ada Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rolfe, Howard Rolfe and Eldred Rolfe, West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, Locke Mills, and Roy Peter Cowing, Phillips, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolfe, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders and children will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hayes, Shelburne, N. H., Christmas Day.

A family gathering will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert, Christmas Day. Those expected are Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gilbert, Glenn and Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert, Bobby, Lee and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert, Sheila, Roberta and Rowena.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, Miss Nancy Davis and Laurence Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Lowell will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lowell, Bethel.

Charles Smith, McGill University, Montreal, Que., plans to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Emery, Mrs. Matt Emery, Lovell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thurston and baby, Rumford Point, will be guests of Mrs. Freda Korhonen and family, Christmas Day.

Marvin Kendall, Boston, will be at home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Kneeland, Gorham State Teachers' College, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kneeland.

Mrs. Joyce Thibault and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert were in Brunswick Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert were in Conway, N. H., Friday.

The children of West Bethel Primary School entertained at a Christmas Party Friday afternoon. Several mothers, friends and younger children were present. Choral reading was followed by an exchange of presents and refreshments of popcorn and candy.

Mrs. Grace Allen, East Stoneham, returned home Saturday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert attended the 22-23 Fish and Game Association meeting at Locke Mills, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert were in Norway, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Durgin, Norway, called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock, Friday night.

Mrs. Una Stearns, Hanover, was in town Monday.

on his grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Brooks, at Gorham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Whitman and son and friend were at Estes Yates Sunday from Norway.

Our roads had to be sanded Sunday after the Saturday storm.

Mrs. Marion Kimball has been having a bad cold for some time. Laura Yates called on Mrs. R. M. Fleet Sunday making final plans for our Christmas tree.

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WOODSTOCK

— "I Beheld His Glory"

An hour-long film, entitled "I Beheld His Glory," and filmed especially for Christmas, will be shown at the Christmas Eve meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Society at the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church. Christmas music will be part of the program. All are welcome.

District Social

A social evening for the Auburn district of Seventh-day Adventist churches has been planned for Saturday night, January 1, at the West Paris Grange Hall, at seven o'clock. There will be a Christian moving picture, and other entertainment.

candy were enjoyed.

The Early Risers 4-H Club had a judging contest and Christmas tree at the home of their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. James Flawlock on December 20.

Mrs. Mildred Swinton, Mrs. Annie Stowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Farrar visited in Norway Saturday.

Miss Sonia Swinton is spending her vacation with her father, Earl Swinton, in Skowhegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings visited in Augusta over the week end.

Edward Hastings is home from the University of New Hampshire for the holidays. Warren Hastings is home from the University of Maine for the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tyler will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith Jr. in Northwest Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bourne of Ogunquit were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett.

Expected Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett are Miss Dorothy Bartlett of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graves of West Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bean of Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Coffin, Middle Jeanne, and Miss Jeanne Newton of South Paris were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pratt of South Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Scribner of Albany were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Edmunds and daughter, Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore of South Paris were week end guests of Mrs. Evelyn

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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Austin of Ellsworth, Mrs. Nettie Rogerson of Mexico were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Curtis.

Miss Clara Foster of Norway and Walter Hamlin of South Waterford were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Foster.

Miss Dorothy Foster was a week end guest of the Roland Stearns in Rumford Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swan and children of Rumford have moved into the house formerly owned by Mrs. Marjorie Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith and children, Charles, Ronnie, and Harold, of South Rumford, were guests of Mrs. Nannette Foster Thursday of last week.

Expected Christmas guests of Mrs. Nannette Foster are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith and children of South Rumford, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crockett and children of Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curtis and daughters, Maxine and Maud, and Shirley Brown of Poland are expected guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines for Christmas.

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SPORTS FLASHES

The Sporting News by J. G. Taylor Spink

General Manager Frank Lane of the White Sox, chairman of Organized Ball's realignment committee, is solidly behind the ten-club league movement as the only logical and practical progression in the expansion of the major leagues.

In backing the ten-club movement for both the National and American Leagues, Lane has resolutely embarked on a "middle-of-the-road" policy.

He told The Sporting News he is firmly opposed to the formation of a third major league as premature at this time. As for the ultra-conservatives, who have arrayed themselves in opposition to the ten-club idea, Lane brands them as reactionaries still hobbled by horse-and-buggy thinking. He was characteristically outspoken in regard to them.

"They are men of little faith," said Lane.

"One of the reasons prominently cited by them in behind-the-scenes conversation is the fact that it's had enough finishing seventh or eighth in an eight-team league, but how horrifying it would be to drop to ninth or tenth in a ten-team circuit.

"That certainly is negative thinking and pessimism in the worst possible department—the front office. If club officials lack so much gumption that they settle for last place before the season opens, then they ought to get out and let somebody else with higher aspirations operate the club.

As for ten-club leagues as against a new third major league, Lane believes the former is a necessary stepping stone before the latter goal can be attained.

"By forming four new clubs, two in each league, and getting them solidly established in suitable cities, we would get the answers whether or not a third league would be possible and practical. If we found it to be so, we then would have the nucleus for the No. 3 big league."

"There are many who feel that the playing material would not be sufficient for a third eight-club league. We certainly would test that point if we expanded first to ten-club leagues."

The American League committee, of which Lane is the chairman even as he is of the over-all major-league realignment committee, is determined that there will be no more disruption of the minor league scene than is absolutely necessary.

"We don't want to be rushing in like a bull in a china shop trying to formulate a ten-club league," said Lane. "Too much damage already has been done with the recent shift of the A's franchise to Kansas City. It certainly was not well-handled."

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SONGO POND

Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corres. — Miss Judy Lapham has returned home after being quite ill at her grandmother's.

Mrs. Jennie Mayberry has been sick.

Mrs. Howard Lapham and Lona Keniston were in Lewiston Tuesday to take Mr. and Mrs. Spring to the hospital for check-ups.

Mrs. Ralph Kimball was in Mechanic Falls and Lewiston one day recently.

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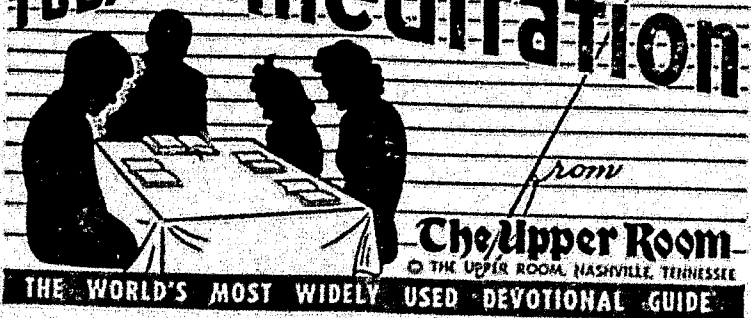
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TODAY'S meditation



THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thursday, December 23

Read Hebrews 11:1-9

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2:14)

WISDOM MEN of the East followed the light of the Christ-mas star. They followed its leading, and came, and found the Christ Child. To God they gave glory.

Who gives God glory now? Do scientists? Inventors? producers? distributors? poets? philosophers? planners? Have the wise men of old descendants among men today?

In the face of the thought that another war would be fought with deadly atomic weapons, we look to the living Christ as our hope for peace. In Him we become filled with hope. In His strength we do not feel so helpless or so hopeless that we cannot under-

take measures that will make for peace.

Glory to God comes first before there can be any peace on earth. Only when the whole world sings from the depths of humble and contrite hearts, "Glory to God in the highest," are we ready for "peace on earth, good will to men."

The glory to God that puts man in his place will make brothers of us all. Peace on earth will then follow.

Prayer

O God, help us to keep our eyes and attention on Thy glory. Through us reflect the light of Christ to a world groping in darkness, doubt, and uncertainty. Use us to lead others to accept Thy salvation offered through Christ. Amen.

Thought For The Day

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH

Robert A. Carter, Minister

Miss Minnie Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent

Miss Nesta Gordon, Organist

Sunday, December 26:

9:45 a. m. Church School.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.

Sermon—"Good Tidings of Great Joy."

7:00 p. m. Senior MYF at the Church.

7:30 p. m. Vesper Service. Special music. Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Pastor's meditation: The Story of Handel's Messiah.

8:00 p. m. Bible Seminar.

Friday, December 24:

7:00 p. m. Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Story sung by Boy Junior Youth and Adult Chorus.

7:30 p. m. Caroling.

8:30 p. m. Cocoa at the Church.

All welcome.

Saturday, December 25: To all may the spirit of the Christ child be with you through the day.

Many thanks from the Parsonage family to those who sent cards and thought of us during this season.

Thursday, Dec. 30: 12:30 p. m. Senior MYF will meet at the Church to attend Mid-Winter Youth Rally in Lewiston.

WEST PARISH CHURCH

Charles L. Pendleton, Minister

Mrs. John Tebbets, Choir Director

Dawn Christie, Organist

Services for Sunday, Dec. 26

9:30 a. m. Church School. Frank Nary, superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.

The sermon will be concerned with the visit of the Magi and is called "Bearing Gifts."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

Golden Text: "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:21).

Authorized Christian Science Literature may be found in the public library, or may be read, borrowed or purchased at the home of Mrs. Irma H. Thompson.

BRYANT POND

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. E. Lindahl, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 26:

Sunday School, 9:15 a. m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a. m.

Annual Christmas Concert by the Chorus, 7:30 p. m.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Corres.
The Christmas Program to be presented by the Locke Mills Sunday School, Dec. 27, 1954, at 7:30 p. m.:

Prelude, Christmas Carols; Scripture and Prayer, Rev. Charles Pendleton; Hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful; A Christmas Prayer, Walter Bailey; Greetings, Monica Porter; From Me to You, Marilyn Bailey; Behold, the Manger, Junior Hebert; Away in a Manger, Sunday School; Glory to God—Beginners' class, Narration—Virginia Mason; Be Wise, Kathy Dunham;

Happy Christmas, Cheryl Cummings; My Bell, Susan Lovejoy; Enter, Dear Lord—Meredith Ring, Juanita Childs, Carolee Porter, Christine Emmons, Virginia Emmons, Virginia Mason, Florence Stevens; Happy Hearts, Chrystal Hebert; Only a Baby, Mildred Cummings; Jesus—Stuart Twitchell, Delbert Mason, Christine Stevens, Kathy Porter, Albert Mason; Silent Night, Sunday School; The King's Birthday, Cheryl Stevens; Organ Solo, The Birthday of a King;

Christmas Sharing, Kenneth Ring, Allen Ring, Phyllis Kimball, Neva Cross; I Would Have, Dwight Mills; A Good Wish, Patty Mason; Christmas Cards—Eileen Dunham, Leslie Mason, Stuart Twitchell, Glendon Kimball, Annie Cross; Star of Bethlehem, Kathy Dunham; Thank Jesus, Penny Twitchell; Our Christmas Gifts to Him—Duane Gordon, Gary Mason, Owen Melville; Gilbert Bailey, Harold Walker;

Blessed Name, Mavis Tripp; Christ ABC's, Dickie Cross; Room for Thee, James Childs; Noel! Noel—Florence Stevens, Meredith Ring, Juanita Childs, Christine Emmons, Phyllis Kimball, Carolee Porter, Virginia Mason, Neva Cross; The First Nowell, Sunday School; The Bedtime Story, Cynthia Hicks; Farewell Words, Dolly Hebert; Hymn—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—organist, Neva Gordon; Christmas Tree.

Everyone is cordially invited to

SOCIETY DIRECTORY

Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 31, L. O. O. F. Meets Friday evenings, N. G., Asher Runnels, Secretary, George Lotrop.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 61, Meets first and third Monday evenings, N. G., Blanche Berryment, Sec. Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Purity Chapter, No. 102, O. E. S. Meets first Wednesday evenings, W. M., Helen Morton, Secretary, Ethel Blabbe.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 186, West Bethel, Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Master, George Gilbert, Secretary, Lottie Hall.

Bethel Chamber of Commerce, Meets first Tuesdays, President, Harold G. Bennett, Secretary, Henry H. Hastings.

W. S. C. S., Methodist Church, Meets first Thursday afternoons, President, Olive Carter, Secretary, Doris Brown, Assistant Secretary, Gertrude Fossell.

Eleanor Gordon Guild, Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, President, Mary Angvine, Secretary, Ruth Eastman.

Ladies Club, Congregational Church, Meets first and third Thursday afternoons, President, Mrs. Edith Howe, Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Tibbetta.

The Guild, Congregational Church, Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, President, Mrs. Leslie Marcuse, Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., Meets second Thursday evenings, W. M., Henry Hastings, Secretary, Ernest Mundt.

Bethel Lions Club, Meets second and fourth Monday, President, Herbert Morton, Jr., Secretary, James Hutchins.

Men's Brotherhood, Methodist Church, Meets last Tuesday evenings, President, Richard Blake Jr., Secretary, Donald Christie.

Parent Teacher Association, Meets third Wednesday evenings, President, Jay Willard, Secretary, Rita Davis.

Five Town Teachers' Club, Meets first Monday evening, President, Melva Willard, Secretary, Miriam McAllister.

Mundy-Allen Post, No. 31, American Legion, Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, Commander, Leslie Kendall, Adjutant, Jack Compa.

Mundy-Allen Unit, No. 31, American Legion Auxiliary, Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, President, Josephine Tripp, Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Alder River Grange, No. 165, East Bethel, Meets first and third Friday evenings, Master, Guy Bartlett, Secretary, Marguerite Bartlett.

Dear River Grange, No. 300, Newry Corner, Meets every other Saturday, Master, Owen Wight, Secretary, Ida Wight.

Bethel Players, Meets third Monday, 8 p. m., President, Francis Noyes, Secretary, Sylvia Skoak.

Bethel Auxiliary of Remford Community Hospital, Meets first Friday evenings, President, Ruth Boynton, Secretary, Barbara Douglass.

"That's a Good Beginning!"



attend this Christmas Party.

At the church service held Sunday evening at the Locke Mills Union Church, Victoria Louise Dunham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dunham, and Dana Richard Melville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melville, were baptized. The choir consisted of members from the Bryant Pond Universalist Church and the Locke Mills church.

Fifty-four members and visitors attended the pot luck supper and Christmas tree given by the Community Club last Wednesday evening. There was a program of music as follows: Mrs. Betty Tebbets, piano; Cecil Kimball, violin; Miss Charlotte Cole, guitar; Everett Cross, harmonica; Charlotte Cole, Helena Bartlett and Ethel Martin sang, accompanied by Charlotte Cole with the guitar, and everyone sang Christmas carols. Friends and relatives in this vicinity of Daniel Cross of Detroit, Mich., are sorry to hear of his illness at the Deaconess Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Ansel Jordan is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hunt, Jr., at Bethel.

Lester Tebbets is convalescing at his home following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lurvey and family of South Portland were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lurvey.

Mrs. Marie Corkum suffered an attack of asthma at her home Monday morning.

Mrs. Cora Bennett and Mrs. Jeanette Kimball who have been ill are able to be out again.

On Friday afternoon, the employees of the Ekco Tebbets, Inc., will enjoy a Christmas tree at the mill at 2:30. Refreshments will be served by the committee in charge.

David Jordan and Paul Bartlett, students at the University of Maine, arrived home over the week end for their vacation.

Mrs. Madeline Hunt was honored at a stock shower last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Richard Melville who was the hostess. Decorations were of baby

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UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins Corres.

Mrs. C. A. Judkins returned home Monday night from Phillips where she was called last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Selma J. Sanborn. The funeral was held at Wed. Monday afternoon. C. A. Judkins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Judkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Judkins attended the funeral. On the way down, in Rumford, C. A. Judkins had an accident on the ice in the road. He and Fred were thrown from the car but no one was seriously hurt. They continued on to Wed. in another car. Others of the immediate family attending were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Judkins from Rumford and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Abbott from East Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo John Rolfe of Biloxi, Miss., are spending a few days of his Christmas leave with her mother, Elsie Douglas.

Schools in town are closed this week and next for vacation. The High School students are home for vacation.

green and pink crepe paper. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, coffee and tea were served. Mrs. Merle Lurvey assisted in serving the refreshments. Those attending were Mrs. Lora Noyes, Mrs. Stella Howe, Miss Bertha Kimball, Mrs. Gladys Jordan, Mrs. Bernice Brown, Mrs. Ella Jordan, Mrs. Georgia Jordan, Mrs. Ethlyn Ruokola, Mrs. Helvi Ruokola, Mrs. Louise Seames, Mrs. Myrtle Bacon, Mrs. Bertha Flanders, Mrs. Kathryn

James, Mrs. Maude Hunt, Mrs. Merle Lurvey, and Mrs. Beverly Melville. Those sending gifts, but unable to attend were Mrs. Lillian Lapham, Mrs. Helena Bartlett, Miss Charlotte Cole, Mrs. Bertha Davis, Mrs. Phyllis Jordan, Mrs. Lillian Young and Mrs. Dorothy Lovejoy.

Recent callers at Harlan Bumpus' were the Rev. W. I. Bull, Mrs. Charlotte Fillebrown, Mrs. Edith

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ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Cor.

Miss Anallie Hall is spending her Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Archer Knight at Kennebunkport.

The Albany Extension Group held a meeting with Mrs. Jean Cummings Wednesday evening, December 15. The following program was planned: January 19, Oven Meals; February 1, Know Your Food Supply (at Waterford); March 16, Selection and Care of Curtains; April 12, Behind the Seams (at Bethel); May 15, Cooke Mixes; June 15, Food Preservation; July 20, Tour; August 17, Christmas suggestions and picnic; September 21, Care of Floors and Coverings; October 19, Windows Make the Room; November 16, Grooming for You; Election of Officers; December 21, Planning Meeting. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts, and refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Misses Athalie and Mary Hall have gone to Clearwater Beach, Florida, where they have employment for the winter.

Ronald Snyder has gone to Connecticut for a week's visit.

Mrs. Sarah Andrews called on her sister, Mrs. Bertha Kimball, one day last week.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and family were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hazell and daughter, Vicki, Miss Cora Bumpus, and Mrs. Dorothy Merriam and daughters, Margaret and Marilyn.

Paul Fox, Miss Iva Rugg, and Mr. and Mrs. George Lowe spent Sunday in Portland.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dyer and family were Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Pierce and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coombs and daughter, Carol Ann, and Ruth Proctor, from Casco; Mr. and Mrs. Al Littlehale from Bridgton; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fickett and son, Carl, Jr., from Otisfield.

Mrs. Barbara Inman has an Avon route in Bethel.

Harlan Bumpus was home several days last week with a lame back.

Mrs. Sarah Andrews visited Mrs. Lois Morrill Friday and attended the Christmas program at the Primary School.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keniston of Portland were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman and children were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cummings and family.

Recent callers at Harlan Bumpus' were the Rev. W. I. Bull, Mrs. Charlotte Fillebrown, Mrs. Edith

Stearns, Carlton Rugg, and John Splanney.

The Mountaineers held their weekly meeting at George Lowe's Friday evening, December 17. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, and

cookies, were served. The next meeting will be held Dec. 31, at the home of Ralph Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spring have returned home after his recent stay at the hospital.

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I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for the nice cards, flowers, and letters sent to me while in the hospital. I especially want to thank those who came to donate blood.
Mrs. Wallace Merrill

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary Ladies for my lovely Christmas box. It was much appreciated, and I thank you all.
Mary E. Clark

News of 4-H CLUBS

MAPLE LEAF 4-H CLUB

The Maple Leaf 4-H Club met Saturday with their leader, Mrs. Freda Korhonen, with nine members present.
It was voted to hold one meeting a month for the next three months the next meeting to be Jan. 15.
A Christmas Party with refreshments and exchange of gifts followed the meeting. The refreshment committee was Mary Jo Head, Betty Bennett and Sara Stowell.

EARLY RISERS 4-H CLUB OF EAST BETHEL

The meeting was called to order by the President, Fred Haines. The secretary's and treasurer's report were read and accepted. A judging contest on wood fitting was given; Robert Coolidge was first, Alan Ring was second. The meeting was adjourned and a tree was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Charles Haines and Kenneth Ring. Reporter—John Foster.

LUCKY CLOVER 4-H CLUB

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sandra Olson. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The total was \$33.88. We discussed our Christmas Party. It is Wednesday night at 7:30. Everybody is invited. We are going to have our demonstrations that night. The names of them are Easy Sandwich Fillings by Sandra Olson and Arlene

Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Among the principal war production goals set for Maine were: potatoes, 200,000 acres; dry beans, 5,000 acres; sweet corn, 14,800 acres; milk, 650,000,000 pounds; eggs, 28,400,000 dozen.
There was ten inches of ice on Songo Pond.

20 YEARS AGO

Skating parties on Howard Lake, Hanover, were very popular.
Oscar Judkins resigned as superintendent of schools in Upton to accept a better position.
T. F. Vail was employed at Southern Pines, N. C., at the Hollywood Hotel.

30 YEARS AGO

Prof. W. R. Chapman directed the performance of "The Messiah" at Portland City Hall.
Miss Esther Tyler was teaching at Morse High School, Bath.
Gould defeated Groveton in a fast game of basketball. The score was 44-20.

40 YEARS AGO

Bethel Inn, open the year-round, served a special Christmas dinner. Among the college students home for the holidays were: Carroll Valentine, Dartmouth; Miss Margaret Herliok, Mount Holyoke; Harold Rich, Williams; Miss Marion Mansfield, Smith; and Albert Clark, Wentworth Institute.

Coolidge: How to be a Good Cook, by Lorraine Olson and Gloria Harrington; Measurements in Cooking by Meredith Ring and Alberta Coolidge. The meeting was adjourned. For our subject matter meeting we went over our demonstrations. Club Reporter, Alberta Coolidge.

"In the United States private enterprise remains dominant in the economic scene, although government invasion of some areas of our economy has attained dangerous proportions in recent years. Opportunity for the individual to better his economic status is greater in the United States than in most, if not all, other countries."
—New Bedford (Mass.) Standard Times.

"It looks as if the majority of Americans have developed markedly greater faith in the sta-

bility and purchasing power of the dollar."—Calais (Maine) Advertiser.

"The number of dollars or pounds or rubles or any other currency a worker earns is not in itself important. What is important is what they will buy. Thus, the price charged for any commodity should be measured by what is known as 'real cost'—that is, the amount of time that must be worked to earn enough to buy it." — Wakefield (Mass.) Item.

Shelburne Inn

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Every Sunday Nite



...And May You, too have a full measure of Happiness on this Joyous Day.

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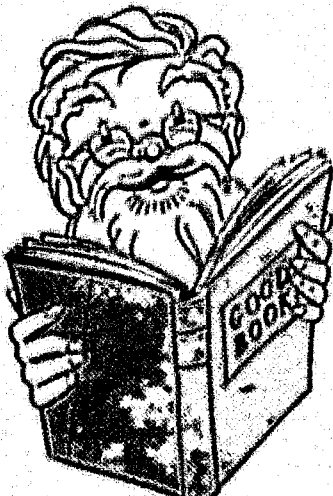
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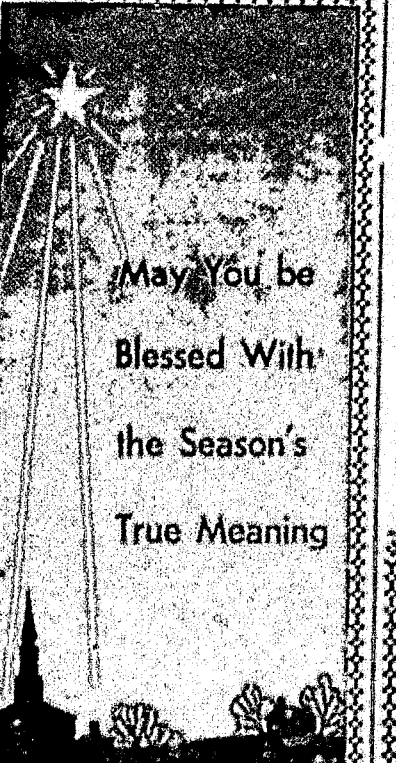
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Cornel Wilde

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A train-load of good wishes for this holiday season.

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The Immigration Act of 1952 requires that any person residing in the United States on January 1, 1955, must have a current address to that of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by January 1 to 31, 1955.
All post offices throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, are collecting the address reports, and forwarding them to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

Happy New Year
Best of luck in
May we offer th
Take it easy

Gilead

— Mrs. Florence H.
Mr and Mrs Carl Monmouth spent his sister, Mrs. Florence family.

Miss Emeline H. Mass, spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Mildred. Mr and Mrs Frank family and Mr and Blair of North St. have moved onto Monroe Farm, formerly the John Richardson.

As/ Leo Tyler of Force Bass is spending with his parents, Mr. Tyler.

Mr and Mrs George family spent Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs in Canton.

Miss Janette Deham, N. H., is a guest of her cousin, Miss Ter.

Mrs. Florence Holcent guest of Mr and Dyer in Bryant Pond. Mr and Mrs Chesapeake, N. H., were guests of her parents, Leon Tyler.

Middle Interv

— Mary C. Stanley.
Mr and Mrs Le have closed their winter and started 1.

Mr and Mrs Budson of Portland were guests of her parents, Willis Ward.

Richard Carter and guests of his mother, Carter for Christmas. Randall Stevens and parents, Mr and Mrs ens, and his daughter Mr and Mrs Albert family of Bailey's In.

Mr and Mrs Don Dawn and Warren, of land, called at H S S day afternoon.

Mr and Mrs John as guests over the and Mrs Howard family of South Pa Mrs Kenneth Kennag of South Paris and Gusete Kennag and North Waterford.

The Wee

The will of Berlin v ed in Probate Court, named Fryeburg Acapal beneficiary in his late. Mr Tinker retired superintendent of school, Fryeburg, Conn. in 1925. In Fryeburg ever since.

Mr and Mrs Thomham of Peru observed wedding anniversary of day. They held open h to 5 p. m.

John Matta, 40, of 8 at the CMG Hospital early Sunday morning automobile accident 3 ternoon in Oxford. Accidents from State Police which Mr Matta was ri to the rear of a park.

An adult and child ed in serious condition Rumford hospital. Ph 58, was struck by a walking on River Street Saturday night. Tere 3-year-old son of John of Oxford Ave. Rumfo of the rear door of 1